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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

15. (currently amended) A method for sorting goods by destination address included on a surface thereof, comprising the steps of:

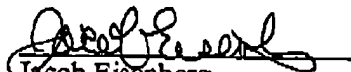
- generating an image of said surface;
- decoding said image with OCR means so as to arrive at an unambiguous portion of said destination address;
- if said portion is not unambiguously decoded,
 - i. transmitting said image to a video coding workstation;
 - ii. manually entering a prespecified and fixed number of alpha/numeric characters following a predetermined coding rule within a specific time interval during the viewing coding;
 - iii. querying a database via a search based upon said fixed number of keystrokes;
 - iv. obtaining a limited set of database entries, said set limited by said search; and
 - v. transmitting said limited set back to said OCR means; and
- retrying decoding of said image with said OCR means based upon said limited set so as to produce an unambiguously decoded portion.

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CONCLUSION

In the event the Patent Office determines that an extension of time and/or other relief is required, Applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No.: 502464 referencing client reference: 1996P08661WOUS. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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